

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School NURSERY NEWSLETTER—January 2017

A GREAT FIRST TERM

All the children have had a great first term settling into nursery and were a credit to both staff and parents during our Christmas Nativity and Christmas parties. The surprise visit from Santa went down a treat!!! Also thank you very much for our Christmas presents—we are very grateful and felt very spoilt!



COATS, SHOES AND WATER BOTTLES



Can you please check that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled. We again apologise for the delay with our cloakroom. Please explain to your child that if they get thirsty during the session they are allowed to go and have a drink from their water bottle. The bottle must only contain water (and have their name on).

SNACK MONEY

Snack money is due again for this half term.

NBW—£7.50 NEW—£9.00

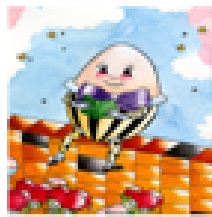
Please hand it in to Nursery (not office) in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.

TOPICS & IDEAS/WAYS OF HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Literacy— This term we are encouraging the children to have a go at independently writing their name, holding their pencil correctly using thumb and first finger grasp. Each morning as part of self-registration we will be encouraging the children to have a go at writing their own name (pre-cursive-as per this letter). When you bring your child in at the beginning of the session, could you help them with this (don't worry if they can't write their own name, we are simply letting the children know that we write for a purpose and to begin building their confidence in having a go!) We have attached their name card for you to use when practising at home (in pre-cursive font).

Come & See— We will be learning about different 'Celebrations' and how the parish family celebrate eg weddings, Baptisms, Christmas, birthdays etc. We will also learn how and why people gather together and the joy of gathering together to celebrate at Mass.

Phonics— We follow the Letters and Sounds programme for phonics and we are doing Phase 1. This involves lots of rhyming and rhythm activities which links in with our Nursery Rhyme topic. As well as singing lots of nursery rhymes, we will also be practising listening for and hearing rhyming pairs.



Have you got a favourite Nursery Rhyme? How many can you say? At the end of this half term we will be celebrating our Nursery Rhyme topic and invite the children to come in dressed up as their favourite character from one (more information to follow)



Why not play games such as I-Spy at home or even out at the shops to help your children to begin to hear initial sounds in words? How many things can you see beginning with same sound your name begins with...? etc

Numeracy— We will continue doing lots of counting, recognising numerals up to 10, playing games which encourage moving counters, (1-1 counting) etc. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and each week, when we focus on a shape, we will be looking at different artists' work to reinforce this. Ask your child if they can remember the artists names. Can you find any other work by them? Have they got a favourite?



What a busy term we have ahead of us! We look forward to lots of fun, playing, songs and laughter together.

